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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2002-2003

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 46/140 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly reaffirmed the recommendations on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee contained in its resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and recommended further rationalization measures, as outlined in annex I to resolution 46/140.

2. The present document contains, in annex I, measures on the organization of work of the Third Committee and, in annex II, the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2002-2003. The draft programme has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Third Committee has taken action. The information in the annexes will be updated orally by the Secretariat when they are considered by the Committee.

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Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items under the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed 15 minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties not be submitted but be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Draft proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family.

4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

5. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

6. International drug control.

7. Advancement of women.

8. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

10. Promotion and protection of the rights of children.

11. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

12. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination.[a]

13. Right of peoples to self-determination.[a]

14. Human rights questions:[b] [c]

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

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[a] Items 12 and 13 are to be discussed jointly; delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[b] Sub-items (a) and (d) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) are to be discussed jointly.

[c] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below.[d]

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (2002)

Item 3
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family

Annual

United Nations literacy decade (2002) (A/C.3/56/L.10/Rev.1, para. 11)

Biennial

World social situation (odd years) (A/C.3/56/L.11, para. 14)

[d] References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

United Nations literacy decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

International year of volunteers (2002)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 4
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Annual

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (2002)

Item 5
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2002)

Combating the criminal misuse of information technologies (2003) (A/C.3/56/L.15/Rev.1)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2005)

Item 6
International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem; respect for the

principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 7
Advancement of women

Annual

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

United Nations Development Fund for Women

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2002)

Biennial

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (2002)

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2002)

Item 8
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Item 9
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2003)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (2003) (A/C.3/56/L.70)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 10
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children living and/or working on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 11
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 12
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2002)

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2016 A (X)))

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 13
Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 14
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (2002) (A/C.3/56/L.44)

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Human rights and cultural diversity

Declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade on Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of humanitarian character

Right to food

Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (2002)

Subregional centre of human rights and democracy in central Africa (2002)

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (2002) (General Assembly resolution 55/100)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (even years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2002-2003

2002

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.3/56/L.11, para. 16)

Item 3
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up (General Assembly resolution 55/57)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (A/C.3/56/L.2 and A/C.3/56/L.7)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on an international plan of action for the United Nations literacy decade: Education for All (A/C.3/56/L.10/Rev.1, para. 11)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Quinquennial review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

[a] Through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 4
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the full range of tasks of the Unit on Ageing of the Division for Social Policy and Development (A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, para. 3)

Item 5
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (including recommendations regarding the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders) (A/C.3/56/L.4, para. 6)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/C.3/56/L.4, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/C.3/56/L.16, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/C.3/56/L.17, para. 21)

Item 6
International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (General Assembly resolution 48/112)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session (A/C.3/56/L.18, para. 8)

Item 7
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (General Assembly resolution 55/66)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (General Assembly resolution 55/67)

Comprehensive report by the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 55/68)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124, A/C.3/56/L.26, para. 19)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.3/56/L.20/Rev.1, para. 7)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (A/C.3/56/L.22, para. 11)

Item 8
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 55/71)[a]

Item 9
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 52/104)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 55/73)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (A/C.3/56/L.72, para. 31)

Item 10
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, containing information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols thereto (A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1, para. 5 (a))

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict on the situation of children affected by armed conflict (A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1, para. 5 (b))

Item 11
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade, including the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous People (General Assembly resolution 55/80, para. 4 (c); A/C.3/56/L.30, para. 12)

Item 12
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolutions 2106 A (XX) and 55/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 55/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 55/81)

Item 13
Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.3/56/L.32, para. 6)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries to undermine the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.3/56/L.31, para. 16)

Item 14
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolutions 53/138 and 55/90, para. 27)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (General Assembly resolution 55/90, para. 28)

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex, article 24; and A/C.3/56/L.34, para. 32)

Note of the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/C.3/56/L.34, para. 32)

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Victims of Torture (A/C.3/56/L.34, para. 32)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/C.3/56/L.34, para. 31)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/C.3/56/L.37, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (General Assembly resolution 260 A (III))

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 55/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (General Assembly resolution 55/103)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the rule of law (General Assembly resolution 55/99)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 55/111)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/C.3/56/L.41, para. 8)

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/C.3/56/L.46, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/C.3/56/L.49, para. 13)

Interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (A/C.3/56/L.48, para. 15)

Interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (A/C.3/56/L.51, para. 17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.3/56/L.55, para. 27)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/C.3/56/L.56, para. 5 (a))

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/C.3/56/L.64, para. 9)

Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (A/C.3/56/L.66, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive and integral international conventions to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (A/C.3/56/L.67, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/C.3/56/L.71, para. 16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the subregional centre of human rights and democracy in central Africa (A/C.3/56/L.69, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (A/C.3/56/L.68, para. 29)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (A/C.3/56/L.62)

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/C.3/56/L.58)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (A/C.3/56/L.57)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/C.3/56/L.50)

Human rights and extreme poverty (General Assembly resolution 55/106)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/C.3/56/L.42)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (General Assembly resolution 55/100)

Right to development (A/C.3/56/L.43)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (2002) (A/C.3/56/L.44)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of humanitarian character (A/C.3/56/L.45)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[a]

2003[b]

Item 1
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Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

[b] The programme of work and documentation for 2003 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2002.

Item 2
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation, 2003[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (A/C.3/56/L.8/Rev.1, para. 8)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/C.3/56/L.9, para. 16)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth (A/C.3/56/L.12/Rev.1, paras. 11 and 22)

Item 3
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 4
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 5
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Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 6
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (A/C.3/56/L.27, para. 17)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/C.3/56/L.24/Rev.1, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (A/C.3/56/L.23, para. 5 (b))

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Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (A/C.3/56/L.70, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (A/C.3/56/L.73, para. 12)

Item 9
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 10
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade (General Assembly resolution 55/80, para. 4 (c))

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous People

Item 11
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

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